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This, being the first Publication for 2004, we wish all our members and readers a Prosperous and Healthy New Year, and hope you all received what you wanted from Santa, which makes for a good start to a New Year.

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking member Russell for his very kind donation to VUFORS. Our Treasurer is very happy! As are we all! VUFORS does not receive either government or corporate financial assistance. We rely entirely on our members to keep the Society going. Every member of the Committee works on a voluntary basis and the Society has no paid employees. This has been the case for the past 47 years and we shall continue to rely on members like Russell until the UFO mystery is solved.

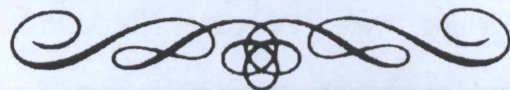
Our Sunraysia Representative, Mr. Alan Wilson, passed away on the 18th of January 2004. We shall miss Alan very much as he had been with the Society for many years and carried out his investigations meticulously. He had been living in the area for a long time and knew many people, which possibly helped him in his investigations. Our sympathies go out to the family. As a tribute to Alan, we are reprinting one of his interesting reports, together with an associated newspaper article.

At our Annual General Meeting, no nominations were received, so the Committee remains as is.

Judith Magee	President
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Bernard Wilson.....	Publication and Scientific Advisor

We are indebted to Bernard for the improvements made in our Bulletin. He has worked with computers for many years and is now retired and found an interest in assisting with the publication. You will have observed that the presentation of photos has greatly improved - I admit he spends a great deal of time getting them just right, and I must say it is worth the effort. Thank you Bernard, you should have left work much earlier.

We are apologetic for the late arrival of the Bulletin, but hospitalisation for one of the Bulletin editors was one of those things completely unforeseen.



ON THE UFO TRAIL

Paul Norman © 2004

I finally found time to return to the Grampians for three days. On February 2nd, I met Jacqueline Purtell at about 07:00 p.m., on Reids Lookout, where she set up her special telescope in readiness to video UFO activity in the vicinity. There were a few small lights moving over the Victoria Valley, but nothing spectacular could be seen.

We watched and waited until almost midnight, but only the small lights were visible. I was in my car, protected from the bitter cold, scanning the surrounding mountains with my binoculars, when a large glowing object suddenly appeared in the Wartook Valley. I jumped out of my car and rushed up to the ledge to see if Jacqueline had the object in focus, only to discover that she had taken the telescope down and was about to leave.

How often, similar situations have occurred, both in the Grampians and the Hessdalen valley of Norway, where the really interesting activity occurs before or after a camera is available to record the events.

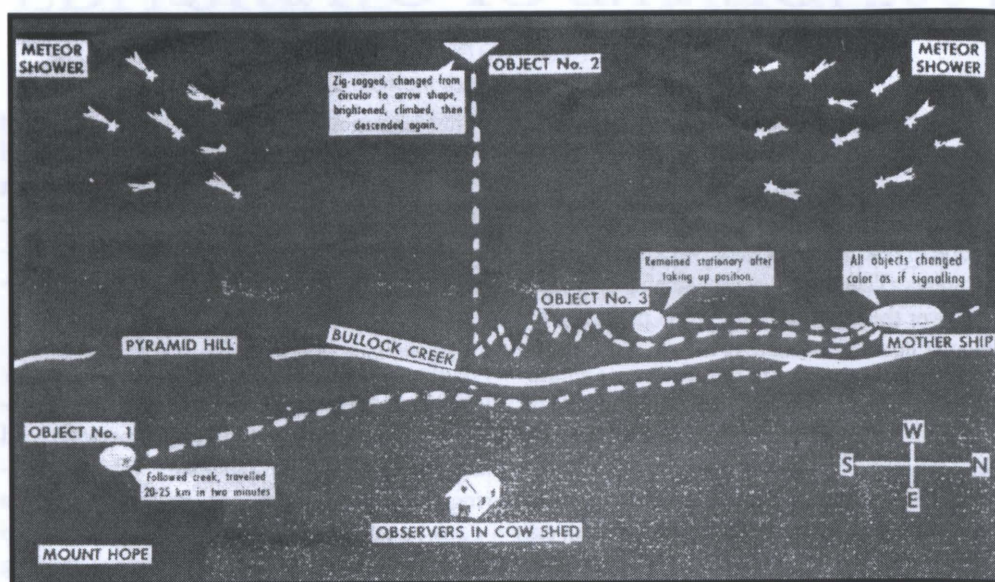
On the next evening, I returned to the lookout at dusk. The moonlight was very bright and I was able to see the structural outline of a large object, which might have been the one seen the night before. It was present when I arrived and was glowing. I watched it for a couple of minutes and then produced my recently purchased 750,000 candlepower, halogen spotlight, with a one mile beam range. The moment I started flashing the spotlight toward the large glowing object, it ceased glowing.

After about twenty minutes the large object resumed glowing. Once again, when I flashed the spotlight at the large glowing object, it ceased glowing. This experiment was repeated several times, and each time the response of the large object was to cease glowing for about twenty minutes.

While staying at Halls Gap, I visited a nearby museum, to study the structure of the mountains. The processes of faulting, tilting and erosion over millions of years were interesting. On some occasions, molten rock from deep beneath the surface of the earth rose up into cracks, which formed layers as faulting and tilting occurred. Faults in the beds of rock can be seen today.

Some of the geological forces were so great that layers were tilted from a horizontal to vertical orientation, especially when folding occurred. In the valley where the glowing objects are the most active, there are two major geological folds.

The main point of interest that I saw was that the lakes formed in the Grampians feed the largest gravity-fed irrigation system in the world. The glowing objects appear to be exhibiting similar behaviour to those that appeared in December 1977, over the irrigation system in the vicinity of the Northern Victorian town of Leitchville. That activity has been published in The Australian UFO Bulletin, but for the benefit of members who have joined since that time, it will be briefly recapped.



Sketch by Post artist Jerry Mielke

The Leitchville Incident

Farmers irrigating their crops were surprised when they were buzzed by mysterious lights. We had received a few reports but did not realise how much activity there was until a group at Leitchville requested that Judith Magee and myself do a joint lecture at their community hall. The hall was packed, and many had to be turned away, so we agreed to repeat the lecture on the following night. On the second night, the hall was nearly full.

While only a few farmers were speaking publicly about their experiences with the lights, they were telling each other about their surprise encounters. This interchange of experiences created much interest as the farmers realised that their friends from all around the irrigation system were being buzzed.

Does this activity give us a clue? Is it the irrigation system or is it the water that they are

interested in? As this is being written, our unmanned probes are checking for water on Mars. Perhaps the objects flying around Earth might not have a live crew either.

At Leitchville, on 13th December 1977, a large cigar shaped object was seen flying with the speed of a landing light aircraft. It hovered at a point in between twelve witnesses and the reflection of street lights of Cohuna township. A small object then flew from the large object to a position between Pyramid Hill and the witnesses who were on top of a milking shed. The small object flew this distance in two minutes, a distance of 42 km. It followed the bed of the Bullock Creek.

Within five minutes, two more small objects had flown from the large object and taken up equally spaced positions between the big object and the first small object. Once in posi-

tion, the objects commenced blinking and changing colours in synchronism, green, blue, white and red.

One of the small objects shot up several metres and changed to a triangular shape. Then what looked like a meteor shower, falling within the region covered by the line of objects, occurred. It appeared as though a force was restricting the meteor activity to this region.

The distance between the large object and the one with Pyramid Hill in the background was calculated to be about 42 km. This activity suggests that some intelligence was interested in our water system, or could there be some other reason?

The activity in the Grampians provides us with a laboratory to study the phenomena; we watch their movements, experiment with their degree of awareness. It takes patience; proper observation cannot be done with drive-by glances.

Another water related case was the White Acres case, which occurred, on September 30th, 1980. This spectacular incident has been published in our Bulletin. Only the water aspect will be covered here. An object hovered over a water tank and pulled nearly all of the 10,000 gallons of water from the tank, leaving only the algae stuck to the inner side of the tank.

We have found a number of incidents where objects have taken water from farm ponds. There have been a few reports where objects have been seen hovering above creeks and rivers, but of course we have no way of determining if water was removed, and if it was, how much was taken. A recent case reported in our Bulletin was the report of police at Mildura, who reported seeing an object hovering over the Murray River.

This interest in water piques my curiosity. Do they need to service a large, hidden, thirsty, population, or are they extracting hydrogen, or possibly heavy hydrogen, from the water, to fuel their unusual vehicles.

Black Hole Mayhem

Science@NASA - <http://science.nasa.gov/>

Two x-ray telescopes have caught a black hole in the act of ripping a star apart.

February 18, 2004: Thanks to two orbiting X-ray observatories, astronomers have the first strong evidence of a supermassive black hole ripping apart a star and consuming a portion of it. The event, captured by NASA's Chandra and ESA's XMM-Newton X-ray Observatories, had long been predicted by theory, but never confirmed ... until now.

Astronomers believe a doomed star came too close to a giant black hole after being thrown off course by a close encounter with another star. As it neared the enormous gravity of the black hole, the star was stretched by tidal forces until it was torn apart. This discovery provides crucial information about how these black holes grow and affect surrounding stars and gas.

Report On Police Sighting of UFO

Allan Wilson

Sunraysia - North West Victoria Representative
VUFORS

05:00 a.m. on Friday the 17th May 2002

Location of sighting, Mildura - "Apex Park" Camping and Caravan Park which is situated on the banks of the Murray River, four kilometres down stream from the Mildura city,

Photo taken in the approximate location of the witnesses when they saw the object, looking through the park with the Murray River and NSW in the background.

Weather conditions were fine with some, scattered cloud and no moon. No air traffic or weather station air born equipment was present.

The two police officers that witnessed the sighting were on a routine patrol in a police Divisional Van.

The entry into Apex Park is identifiable by a metal archway, which is passed under when driving on the roadway entering the Park.

A following Bulletin article contains the text of the "Police Sighting of UFO" report in the Sunraysia Daily, Saturday, May 18, 2002.

Only one of the two witnesses I've been able to speak with for a short period. I have not been able to get in contact with witness number two even though numerous messages had been left to contact me. It appears for some reason or reasons they do not want to discuss this case any further.

When I spoke briefly to witness number one on the 21st May 2002 a Sighting Form was given for the witness to complete. A request for this form to be filled in with as much detail possible, then returned as soon as possible, was made. This report has not yet been forthcoming as of the 3rd June 2002.

Some notes:

- The divisional van had just past under the "Apex Park" entry archway when the object was sighted towards the river direction on the right.
- Within the object it was brightly lit up.
- The object was kind of triangular in shape.
- Colour appeared to be silver grey or similar to that of pewter.
- Distance from Police vehicle on road to riverbank edge is approximately 85 metres.
- Object appeared to be hovering over the water, approximately two thirds of the way across the river towards the NSW side.
- Object was sighted between the trees; this would indicate the object would have been very low, maybe 3 to 5 meters above the water.

The distance from the Police Vehicle on the roadway to the object could have been between 300 up to 500 metres.

Finally witness one said it appeared that at the same time the object was seen, it started to

Report On Police Sighting of UFO



Photo from approximate location of police witnesses in "Apex Park"

move off, up stream toward Mildura City. Their first thought was to follow it, however within a blink of an eye it was gone.

I believe this case to be genuine although there are many unanswered questions. Therefore this case remains open.

NARCAP

National Aviation Reporting
Centre on Anomalous Phenomena

This is a reminder that there is an Australian representative of NARCAP, Paul Norman, and those interested in the impact of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) on **Air Safety**, especially those who have encountered UAP, might like to make a strictly confidential report via the web site:

<http://www.narcap.org/>

Dr Richard Haines, a retired NASA scientist, has compiled a database of existing reports, including those involving avionics failures during encounters (see his report on the web site).

Police Sighting of UFO

Sunraysia Daily, Saturday, May 18, 2002

"We've just seen a UFO", was the radio call received at the Mildura Police Station during the early hours of yesterday morning.

Two officers on a routine patrol through Apex Park were stunned to see a silver shape hovering above the river.

"At 05:00 a.m. this morning, Mildura divisional van crew members Kate and Greg patrolling Apex Park when their jaws dropped at the sight of a very bright lit up UFO hovering over the NSW side of the river," a police spokesperson said.

"It appeared the UFO spotted them at the same time as it shot off in the direction of Gol Gol.

"They attempted to give chase, but it had gone in the blink of an eye." The spokesperson said.

"One of the officers commented over the air 'we've just seen a UFO' and received the reply 'we've just boiled the kettle, you had better come in for a cup of tea and a lie down'."

The spokesperson said one of the officers had seen a similar sighting in the same area several months ago.

"Her first sighting was the source of much mirth and mess room humour among her colleagues," he said.

Victorian UFO Research Society's Mildura representative Allan Wilson said sightings around water are a frequent occurrence.

"I have not had any reports about this particular sighting but I can tell you that UFO sightings around bodies of water are extremely common," Mr Wilson said.

"I have heard of many stories very similar to this one.

"One call I had was in regard to a man who lived on a property with a large water tank.

"He reported seeing a blue haze hovering above his tank at night.

"When he went to investigate, the tank - which had been full - was completely empty.

"There was no evidence of water having been spilt anywhere. It had just vanished," he said.

"But it certainly is not uncommon for people to report having seen UFOs around bodies of water."

Are You A Financial Member?

If you have a close look at the address label on the back cover of your Bulletin, you will see at the top of the label, something that looks like this: "03/2004 V05 F". The month "03" and the year "2004" indicate that this member needs to renew their subscription.

The Early Years

Compiled by Clive Yates

Selected reports from magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

Opa Locka, Florida - April 6, 1960 *The U.F.O. Investigator* (National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena). Norris Cook and several children watched a bright disc-shaped UFO apparently manoeuvring around a B-52 bomber at about 05:30 p.m. Mr Cook was interviewed by NICAP member Al Koblack who reported that the apparent diameter of the UFO was one-fourth to one-third the wingspan of the B-52.

"At first sighting the UFO was astern of the aircraft. It moved to port of the aircraft, then to dead ahead and then to starboard" as it circled the plane at a constant distance of about 400-500 feet. The B-52 and the UFO both disappeared in the distance.

New Zealand - March 26, 1963 *The A.P.R.O. Bulletin* (Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation). At 07:30 p.m. Flying Officer Hosie of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, while piloting a Canberra light bomber, sighted an unidentified object. He was the only witness as his navigator was busy performing his duties. The altitude of the plane was close to 20,000 feet and sky conditions were clear. The aircraft's speed was between 380 and 400 knots ground speed. There was no radio interference during the observation and the object was apparently beyond radar range of ground installations at Wellington, NZ. At the time of observation the plane was 40 miles northeast of the Ahakea RNZAF Base.

Flying Officer Hosie saw a rapidly flashing light ahead of him at 10 o'clock, a position somewhat above his plane, and moving at about the same speed. The light was moving on an easterly heading and the Canberra was moving on 60 degrees true by the compass. The flashing light was clear white and very bright. Two flashes per second were observed for the full minute of the observation and the brilliance of the light did not change at any time. Careful checking showed that there were no other known aircraft in the area and no chase was given as the Canberra was required to carry out its flight exercise.

Catamarca, Argentina - June 18, 1968 *Flying Saucer Review* (Edited by Charles Bowen). Jorge Scassa, the pilot of a light aircraft, was at a height of about 200 metres or so some 25 miles from Catamarca in the Andes northwest of Cordoba when he saw what he at first took to be a grey cloud but which he soon saw was a disc-shaped object in rapid flight. He mentioned that it was not rotating. He called the Catamarca airport but they did not answer. He then sent out a general message, which was picked up by an aircraft of Argentine Air Lines, which in turn notified the control towers at Cordoba and Catamarca. The personnel at Cordoba tower later confirmed that they had lost contact with Scassa's plane.

International Sighting Reports

Selected extracts from Filer's Files #07 - 2004 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
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New York - Bright Globe Observed; Pennsylvania - Coloured Lights; North Carolina - Bright Disc Object; Georgia - It Rattled Our Windows; Illinois - Hovered Chicago Airport; Louisiana - Flying Triangle; Texas - Aurora; Nevada - Disc Photographed; Arizona - Refractive Sphere Seen; California - Bright Green Light; Chili - 40% Of Locals Seen UFOs; UK/England - Flying Triangle; Germany - Flash Lit The Entire Sky; India - A UFO With Bright Light; Australia - Spheres Change Colour.

New York - Bright Globe Observed

Deer Park - Driving west bound on Long Island Expressway on January 21, 2004, at 05:10 p.m., the witness noticed a small reddish globe glowing between the horizon and Venus around 60,000 feet up. It was a clear sky no clouds, the sun was going down and the sky was turning colours.

This globe would shine brightly, and streak across (not very far) the sky making a contrail and then stop. The globe that was glowing red to orange would disappear. The contrail that it made would dissipate incredibly fast. Then it appeared again, slightly over from where it disappeared. It made a glow, drew a contrail and disappeared after two minutes.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

Pennsylvania - Coloured Lights

Reamstown - The witness had just awakened at 03:05 a.m., on January 24, 2004, and looked out the window and noticed strange lights in a row in the western sky. The witness stated, "It was clear and dark that morning, but I didn't have my glasses on. I could see the lights all in a row; it looked like a plane in the dark."

"It sat there for a moment then started to move. I heard no sound. There were red, green and amber lights. As it moved away like a plane would, I saw an airplane fly close by to the lights. This plane continued over my home. I did hear a second plane. I wish I had had my glasses on."

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

North Carolina - Bright Disc Object

Greensboro - A couple was out on their deck watching how the jet stream was affecting the speed and direction of airplanes in the sky on January 24, 2004, at 03:30 p.m. They were watching one plane flying east and one plane flying west and remarking how much the speed was affected. They saw an extremely bright disc shaped object in the sky over the PTI airport at a high altitude.

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The only thing to compare it to was how Venus has appeared recently in the night sky. The witness states, "My girlfriend thought it must be a star and I remarked that it could possibly be Venus. As we watched, the object appeared to be getting closer. At the time there were at least six airplanes visible in the sky and each one was leaving a vapour trail behind it."

"This object was leaving no trail and appeared to be coming straight down vertically and not horizontally like the airplanes. The object suddenly seemed to shift direction and begin to move straight up into the sky. It was getting smaller, but was still incredibly bright. A small cloud passed in front of the object, but the object was still clearly visible through the cloud, when suddenly it just blinked out."

"When the cloud passed, nothing was there any more, leaving us at a loss for what it could have been. The cloud was small, and there was no way it could have gone in any direction but straight up, without us seeing where it went."

Thanks to Peter Davenport
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Georgia - It Rattled Our Windows

Norcross - The witness reports, "My husband and I were sitting in our living room when we heard a helicopter flying very low, on January 24, 2004, at 09:30 p.m., so we jumped up to see if there was a search light, maybe it was a police helicopter."

Then we saw what looked a lot like a bright star moving rather quickly across the sky, but it's motions were mechanical, not like a shoot-

ing star since there was no tail, and it did not aim down, but the chopper seemed to be following it. We ran out to the front and barely saw the chopper in the distance.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
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Illinois - Hovered Chicago Airport

Chicago - Three witnesses saw something in the sky on January 24, 2004, at about 07:30 p.m. in the Midway Airport Area over Narragansett Avenue. It was on a cold Saturday evening. One of the witnesses saw a strange looking craft, just hovering over to the southwest, near the moon and a bright star.

He said, "The strange craft was way bigger than a huge jet plane, and it had three enormous lights blinking in alternate patterns." It had hovered in the same spot for about five minutes without moving anywhere, but as soon as another person walked up to ask a quick question, the strange looking craft just vanished into thin air.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

Downers Grove - On Thursday, January 22, 2004, at 05:30 p.m., the witness was standing on his deck and observed a glowing white light, moving ENE at approximately 15,000 feet altitude. The size of the light was estimated as the size of a pencil eraser held at arm's length. The light was similar to those I have seen in the past.

The witness lives underneath a major air corridor directly south of O'Hare and directly west of Midway airports in suburban Chicago.

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Southbound aircraft departing O'Hare were operating in the area at 5000-7500 feet, and westbound aircraft departing Midway were also in the area, flying over the O'Hare traffic.

The object was above both flight paths, and flew high over an MD-80 aircraft departing O'Hare. The object didn't have any red and green running lights, or white anti-collision strobes, or landing lights normally seen on aircraft in this area. It entered my vision from above and decelerated and stopped moving, about two miles down-range of my position.

Then, the object blinked out, and after a second, rapidly reappeared as a star-like object and accelerated upward at an angle resembling a curve ball thrown by a baseball pitcher, only upwards. The witness states, "I have seen this type of object in the Chicago area, several times in the past two years. It decelerates, hovers and accelerates at an angle with amazing speed. It was **absolutely not** an aircraft, as I am quite familiar with aircraft, having worked as an airline executive."

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

Louisiana - Flying Triangle

Deridder - On January 21, 2004, 07:50 p.m., three witnesses spotted something weird, and their dog started barking. The witness noticed a flying triangle with red lights on the points and white lights in the middle in the western sky over Deridder. It was hovering and the air force planes were flying around it. I called my dad and

told him to look at it. I just wanted to ask people what is going on?

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

Texas - Aurora

San Antonio - Last night I believe I witnessed the super secret Aurora aircraft or similar "V" shaped aircraft fly over my house at a very low altitude. The arrangement of the lights, sound of the engine and the contrails were like no other aircraft I have ever observed. Even my 9 year old could hear the difference from other jets. He came flying out of the house thinking it was a UFO.

I live just outside San Antonio, Texas and it was a perfectly clear moonlit night. I understand the aircraft could have 3 possible power plants (power plants unknown) and the information I obtained from my observations last night could narrow that down, or point to another type of propulsion if it was the Aurora. It had very strange contrails. I know the information I have would be useful to someone interested in "Aurora project/black aircraft" especially the contrails observed afterwards.

Thanks to Steven

Nevada - Disc Photographed

Las Vegas - The witness writes, "We took photos of New York, New York Hotel at 08:30 a.m., on January 21, 2004, and upon developing the photos, a disc shaped object appeared in picture."

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

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Arizona - Refractive Sphere Seen

Saint Johns - The witness was burning some wood debris near his home, 15 miles NE of town at about 09:00 a.m. on January 30, 2004. The witness states, "I saw, about 100 yards away, a perfect sphere about 5 or 6 foot across, hovering 75 yards off the ground, and it was moving very slow." It appeared to be observing from a distance.

I walked towards the sphere and it changed direction and as I compensated, it changed direction again. Here is the important point. I don't think; I was supposed to see the sphere because it was almost cloaked with the background. The closest I could come to describing this, was that it refracted the light almost as if you were looking at a mirror ball in water.

When it became obvious that I could see it in contrast to the sky by walking directly at it, the craft made several slow evasive moves, and then dropped away and down towards the ground and a bush. Then I could not distinguish it, because there was no contrast to the ground and bush. I was unable to discern it at this point and lost my view of it. This event lasted about five minutes.

Thanks to Jeff Rense and Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

California - Bright Green Light

San Diego - My friend saw a green cigar shaped light on a cloudy night, January 24, 2004, at 07:40 p.m. She called me and our other friend outside. We all watched it for 5 minutes as it disappeared and reappeared a couple of times, remaining at the same spot.

The green light was incredibly bright and of a colour very phosphoric. It did not have any source, or a tail. It was just like a mass of green light in the sky. It was quite high, probably as far as Venus. We weren't able to see it again, as it got cloudier.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

Desert Hot Springs - The roaring repeating humming noise was eerie. In 58 years, I have never heard such a low heartbeat sound **ever**. The witness states, "I was in our home office on January 21, 2004, at 06:50 p.m., and the sliding door was open, when I heard a low humming, pulsating like a heartbeat, from outdoors.

"Hum, hum, and hum like it was alive. It was like an underground motor. I went outdoors and it stopped. We overlook Palm Springs, CA about 1500 feet above the valley floor with desert hills behind us. It was dark. I went to the east side of the house and heard a chopper, but did not see that either.

"Then north of the house, with my husband, we both saw a solid red light faster than an airplane, cross the sky from east to west. I called my neighbour and she said she heard it. The vibration shook her refrigerator shelves down. In 30 years, she has never heard or felt anything like it. I sensed the helicopter was chasing it."

San Francisco - A small unidentifiable aircraft, at low elevation, with two to three different coloured lights (red/white), was observed on January 26, 2004, 11:03 p.m. It was flying at very low speed, without FAA registration ID, located from my vantage point in my apartment at 1960 Fulton Street.

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It flew at a SW-NE direction at an altitude of about 600 feet. I lost visual aircraft contact level with Gillson Hall on USF campus. It had an odd lower trajectory over a crowded metropolitan area - morphed from single engine aircraft to irregular lighting pattern.

At a certain point this aircraft was very identifiable to me as a small single engine Cessna-type aircraft. However, it flew in a rather odd trajectory with the only identifiable features being an alternating red and white flashing light. I have spent some time gathering info to report to the FAA.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

Chili - 40% Of Locals Seen UFOs

In January alone over 10 UFO sightings have been reported. No one knows why they appear, but the fact is that strange lights appear cross the area regularly, to the extent that residents of Cajón del Maipo consider it a normal occurrence.

Santiago - January 28, so frequent are the sightings of phenomena over the skies of Cajon del Maipo that local residents consider it part of their daily routine. Oscar Farias lives in the Las Vertientes sector and both he and his wife Maritza Valero have repeatedly seen UFOs in the Pre-Cordillera.

"We've seen truly surprising spheres and flying saucers. Only two weeks ago, with my cousin, at around 08:00 a.m., we saw a silver saucer in the El Alto del Canelo sector, moving at average speed and losing itself in the west." Patricia Aros, 37, works for a service corporation and claims having seen strange

lights in the higher reaches of Cajón del Maipo on a regular basis: "Its common to see large and small lights moving over this area.

"I no longer fear them. We aren't alone in this immense universe and if these otherworldly beings wanted to harm us they would've done so already. I think we should be mentally prepared for what is going to happen in the future. Who knows if tomorrow human civilization will definitely establish contact with beings from other worlds?"

So recurrent is the phenomenon that even San José de Maipo's current mayor, Miguel Marquez Olivares, witnessed a "film worthy" close encounter when he was literally assaulted by a UFO.

"On that occasion I was in the Del Ingenio sector driving my pick-up truck with my family and group of friends when we suddenly saw an oval shape vehicle issuing multihued lights of great intensity as it hovered over the hills. Suddenly, in a matter of seconds, the strange object took off and hovered above us, killing my truck's engine.

"It lit up a radius of four kilometres with an intense white light, which could be seen as far off as the town of San Gabriel. The experience was truly intense even though it lasted no more than a minute, because from one moment to another the light shut itself off and the phenomenon vanished."

According to the functionary, "40% of the locals have seen UFOs over the Andean Cordillera, or rather, have had experiences involving strange-looking lights and craft. Even the drovers discuss their furtive encounters with scintillating luminous phenomena that frighten the cattle and horses alike."

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Thanks to Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology (IHU), for the translation.

UK/England - Flying Triangle

London - On January 24, 2004, at 02:00 p.m., a married couple saw three red lights in a triangle shape flying over. As it got closer, it flew lower and my wife and I both saw it, so we drove to see if there was anything there. When we got there, there was nothing to see. But it was very real! This happened in London England (Hackney).

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

Germany - Flash Lit The Entire Sky

Babenhausen - Standing in formation, 84 soldiers all witnessed a flash in the sky on January 22, 2004, at 06:25 p.m. The sky was clear and **no** lightning was present, although it could have just been an electrical disturbance in the atmosphere, but I'm not really certain. The **entire** sky lit up.

Usually when lightning bolts strike, you can see a path, but this was **not** a lightning bolt. The flash appeared for two seconds and vanished. All the soldiers in formation just looked at each other and scratched their heads. Although the area is in the flight path of aircraft landing at Frankfurt International Airport, there were **no** aircraft in the area at the time of the flash.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

India - A UFO With Bright Light

Bilaspur - It was the day when I attended my friend's birthday party on January 21, 2004, at 08:15 p.m., and I was going to my home with my friend. I left my friend at his house; I looked in the sky and saw between the trees a triangular shaped ship with bright brown light. I saw it for only 5 seconds.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
www.ufocenter.com

Australia - Spheres Change Colour

Carnarvon Gorge - The witness has seen spheres flying low over the gorge for three weeks and was able to film some activity with their handy-cam on January 25, 2004, at 07:30 p.m. The object flew slowly west until dispersing over the mountains. There was no engine noise when the object was hovering.

The observer continued to drive, and half an hour later saw a similar object moving up on the left side, again stopped to film, and this vehicle/object started to move away. The observer returned home 2-3 hours later and saw a bright light in the sky changing colour, and got video footage of it changing colours. The next night he saw more than one spread out across sky.

He has been witnessing this for three weeks now with little change. Sometimes they move around, some stay in the same spot. He caught one last night giving off all colours from the down side of craft, then the light pulled in and changed to the up side of the craft. He has tried to film stars on the camcorder, but it won't pick them up. When directed at these objects it picks them up. One light is just to the right of Orion.

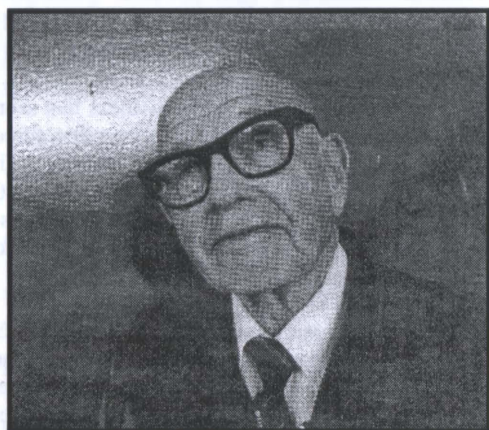
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Group Shines A Light On UFO Sightings

By Dennis Bertoldo

Kingston Leader, Victoria, Tuesday, November 25, 2003

Paul Norman says UFOs are not to be scoffed at.



Paul Norman

Picture: Chris Eastman, N21MS205

To members of the Victorian UFO Research Society, UFO sightings are no cause for paranoia, alarm or scepticism.

For this group, based at Moorabbin airport, sightings of bright lights in the skies are treated with utter seriousness.

The society's publicity officer Paul Norman has been on the UFO case since the 1950s.

He said the realm of UFOs continued to fascinate him, even after more than four decades.

In June this year, the former trainee pilot

headed up to the Grampians to check out repeated claims of UFO sighting.

It was not the appearance of the strange lights that interested him, it was their sudden disappearance.

Mr Norman said people had observed bright glowing lights over the hills, but since two jet aircraft had been heard in the area, the sightings had stopped.

He wrote in The Australian UFO Bulletin of September this year: "I visited the site, and for the first time in two years, I did not see any UFO activity.

"To date, there have been no reports of UFO activity received from other witnesses since the time of the jet overflight."

Mr Norman said it was hard to know if the military would send aircraft over the Grampians to investigate the lights.

"They won't admit it - they don't report sightings to us," he said.

"Probably because they don't have the answers themselves."

Mr Norman says the 1978 disappearance of pilot Frederick Valentich, who had flown out

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of Moorabbin Airport, was "the greatest mystery in Australian aviation history".

Like so many other reports, Valentich reported seeing several bright lights and interference with his instrument panel.

After radioing the control tower with his

strange encounter, Valentich's radio went dead and he and his Cessna 182 have not been seen since.

Mr Norman, the research society's investigation officer at the time, said the Valentich case sparked off a big interest in UFOs in Australia and many reports flowed in afterwards.

Town Is UFO Hotspot

By Jon Austin

Chelmsford And Maldon Yellow Advertiser, England - Aug. 14, 2003

UFO Newsclipping Service, January 2004, Number 414
#2 Caney Valley Drive, Plumerville, Arkansas 72127-8725 USA

Editor and Publisher: Lucius Farish

Basildon is the Essex hotspot for UFO sightings this year according to research groups.

Mark Doulton, chairman of Southend UFO group, said the area has had the largest amount of incidents across the county over the last 12 months.

He said: "Sightings have included separate accounts of flying black triangles and glowing white orbs moving at incredible speed near Cranes Farm Road.

"One of the most interesting involved a black drum-shaped object with a red light either side, which was visible over St Nicholas Church in Laindon early one evening in February."

Mr Doulton also shed some light over sightings of a mystery light seen at Pitsea in May this year.

Residents reported the strange light that trav-

elled eastwards before exploding and leaving a trail of smoke just before midnight.

After we featured it in a short article the news room was flooded with similar reports, including one from a pensioner in Whitmore Way who said she watched it travel past her house for five minutes and described it as 'beautiful'.

Shelly Hicks from Chalvedon said: "It looked like a firework or flare but there was no noise at all. I looked away and when I looked back the light had gone and there was just a trail of smoke left in the sky."

Mr Doulton said: "I have discussed the details you have forwarded with a local astronomy expert who is reasonably certain that the object seen was either a satellite or a meteor burning up in the earth's atmosphere.

"Although we are not totally certain, as we would need much more detail from the witnesses to the event, it is reasonable to assume the above."

What Happened To That Hour?

By James Owen

VUFORS Regional Representative For North Eastern Victoria

Continuation of the investigation into the Missing Time of Mrs J and her niece.

From our previous report in the Bulletin, in relation to the Missing Time investigation involving Mrs J and her niece, it was decided that the time had arisen for both Mary-Lou (my wife, and joint North East Representative), and I to travel the route of the witnesses.

Prior to this, we had ascertained that both Mrs J and her niece are having difficulty accepting what had happened, and at this point are trying to put it behind them.

At the last VUFORS Discussion Evening, we requested that anyone who could assist

in our inquiries, place their ideas into a suggestion box.

One suggestion, received from a new member, we found quite interesting. Mary-Lou has contacted this member and conversed with her via mail. Her hypothesis involved **Time-Slips**.

This involves people transporting into time. This can occur quite suddenly with the only indication being, prickling of the skin, and a sense of physical or mental oppression. I



Murchison toilet break - both felt uneasy - locked car doors - left township

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found this worthy of a follow-up investigation with the witnesses.

For this edition of the Bulletin, we will continue with the trip we took, in an attempt to enhance our knowledge of the route taken by Mrs J and her niece.

We travelled to Bendigo and then commenced retracing the steps. I must point out that this trip was conducted during daylight hours, unlike the early morning trip by the witnesses.

We left Bendigo and travelled to Murchison, a distance of 98 kilometres. Travelling at the speed of 80 kph, nominated by Mrs J, we arrived at Murchison 1 hour 15 minutes later. This corresponded with the time frame given by Mrs J. At this point we stopped at the amenities block, with a small playground, as indicated. We photographed the area and waited 10 minutes, as stated by Mrs J.

The drive to the sign indicating 35 km to Violet Town was 8 km and took around 10 minutes. Mrs J made a slight error in the distances by 1 km. The only bridge we located was an overpass bridge to the Goulburn Valley Highway, which does not correspond with the description given by Mrs J.

She described the bridge construction as small old style bricks. This overpass was constructed of rock, and was extremely large. The roadway on the Violet Town side of the bridge and sign is straight and flat. It is wide and in good condition.

Trip times as indicated by Mrs J

Departed Bendigo 2400 hrs
Arrived Murchison 0120 hrs
At Amenities Block 10-15 min
Departed Amenities Block 0130 hrs
Vicinity Violet Town Sign 0145 hrs

These trip times correspond with ours, to within an acceptable tolerance.

Continuing, we travelled to Violet Town along the roadway we believe Mrs J and her niece took. We stopped and took photographs of the Strathbogie Ranges, where we believe the witnesses found themselves. With our stops and travelling between 80 to 90 kph, we arrived at Violet Town 30 minutes later.

Violet Town is not a small township, and during the dark hours, would be well lit. To travel through the town, and to arrive at the other side, you would go through the shopping centre and cross a major railway line. I would find it improbable, that one could pass through Violet Town and not recall doing so.

This trip was designed to enable the Investigators to obtain a better knowledge of the route taken by Mrs J. Our investigations will continue along this track in the hope that we might discover what happened.

Further inquiries and interviews have yet to be conducted, and the results of these investigations will be reported in the next Bulletin.

Have You Seen A Press Cutting, Which Might Be Of Interest To VUFORS???
We Rely On YOU, The Members.

Whittlesea/Beveridge UFO Photograph

Tony Cook - VUFORS

On Tuesday the 20th of January, VUFORS was approached by Peter Taylor, a reporter for the Whittlesea Leader newspaper. He had been contacted by representatives from the City of Whittlesea with an interesting photograph.

Roland Rozario, a Whittlesea council traffic engineer, and a colleague, were performing a routine audit of the rail crossing along the Beveridge Road at around 02:00 p.m. on Thursday the 15th of January and took some supporting photographs using a digital camera.

Nothing was noticed in the sky at the time the photos were taken; however, once downloaded to the computer, one photograph showed an interesting blurred object.

The City representatives were keen to refer the photo to the DSTO (Defense Science and Technology Organisation), Civil Aviation Authority, and even NASA, to find an explanation.

The railway crossing is on the Beveridge Road, just east of the Hume Freeway and south of Wallan. The road runs roughly east-west and the photos were taken facing west. The camera used was a Kodak DC240 Zoom Digital Camera and details encoded within the image file (EXIF) reveal the following information:

Exposure time: 1/250 seconds

F-stop: 9.5

Date/time: January 15 2004, 14:52:46

(Engineer stated photo taken around 2 o'clock)

Shutter Speed: 1/256 seconds

Aperture Value: 6.5

Metering Mode: Average

Focal Length: 10 mm

Pixel X Dimension: 1280

Pixel Y Dimension: 960

Analysis

Via the Internet, some excellent photographic analysis has been performed by UFO investigators across the world. The information presented below comes from:

Dan Bright, Martin Shough in the UK

(<http://www.zaziork.com>),

and Amy Herbert

(<http://a-realitycheck.com/whittleseaufo/>).

VUFORS thanks Dan, Martin and Amy for performing their detailed analysis of the photo and for allowing us to publish their findings.

'Domed Disk' Hypothesis

Dan Bright

The azimuth of the sun at 14:52 p.m., for Whittlesea Australia (Lat: 37° 31' South, Long: 145°, 07' East), on January 15 2004 would have been 306.41°. The Altitude would have been 65.70° (<http://aa.usno.navy.mil/>). The date and time were ascertained from the EXIF data, embedded in the image file (see above).

However, the camera clock may have been set one hour fast, thus making the actual local time 13:52. This corresponds to the photographer's statement that the pictures were taken at "about 2pm" (Herald Sun newspaper article).

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If this was the case, then the azimuth would have been 341.27° and the altitude 72.91°.

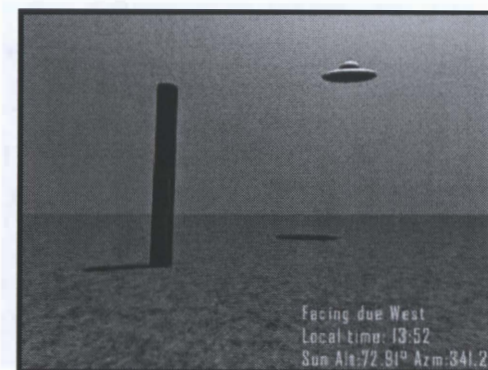
The railway line that is present in the image runs south to north (Melbourne to Epping). The sun would be to the north-northwest (north would be to the right of the image). The photographer states, "I took about 10 or 12 photos, facing east and west" (Herald Sun newspaper article).

The precise pattern and intensity of reflection and shadow on the object would depend upon its shape, dimensions, distance from the point of observation, attitude, altitude, surface material, atmospheric haze, so on and so forth, which of course we don't know.

The renders below compare different settings for light (sun) position. They show the patterns of reflection and shadow that might be expected to be visible on a domed disk under the conditions specified. Note that this is merely a rough approximation, and does not take account of the precise environmental conditions under which the image was taken, nor the material of which the object consisted.

This, albeit basic, demonstration appears to suggest that the patterns of reflection and shadow that might be expected for a 'domed disk' at the specified time and location are not consistent with the object in the Whittlesea image. A more consistent reflection match would be seen had the image been taken on June 15th 2004 at 12:52 (demonstration "D").

The position of shadows on the ground in the original image appear to be fairly consistent with those in demonstration "B". The shadow and reflection on top of the sign-pole also appear to be a prima-facie match for demonstration "B". The sign-pole appears to confirm that patterns of reflection and shadow (other than those exhibited on the UAP) do conform to a sun position as shown in "B".



Demonstration "B"



Demonstration "D"

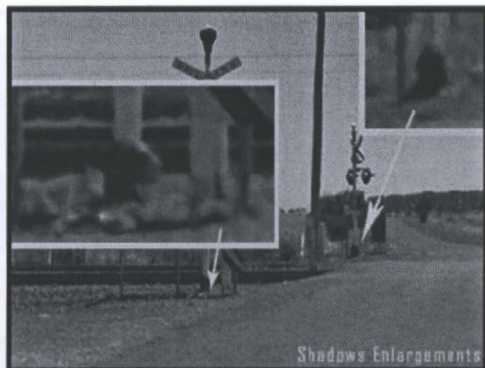
The Bird Hypotheses

Martin Shough

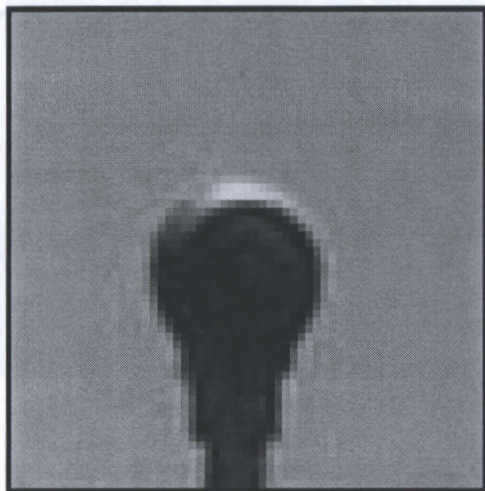
A colleague of Dan Bright, Martin Shough, considers that a bird resolution would be more consistent with the photographic data than the insect hypothesis.

Given an average wing beat period of about 1/80 second, one would expect that if the wings are caught during, say, an upbeat (1/160 second) then they would be blurred through 2/3 of that upward motion in 1/250 second.

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Shadow Enlargements



Enlarged Solar Reflection

The same for a downbeat. If the wings happen to be caught just at the peak of the cycle then they would appear blurred by about half this much (about 1/3 of the full up-down cycle).

Given that the near wing is edge-on to the camera and appears as a fairly sharp and bright line, it seems safe to conclude that it is not blurred through 2/3 of its motion, and



Enhanced Enlargement

probably not even by 1/3 either. In other words a 1/250 second exposure would only 'stop' a wing beat which was at least twice as slow, and probably at least three times as slow, as the mean insect rate. This rate is about half the minimum cited rate of a beetle wing. Therefore although the bulk lateral rate deducible from apparent motion blurring might be consistent either with a bird or with an insect, this wing beat measure serves to test between the hypotheses. The result is probably inconsistent with an insect, but is consistent with a bird (Martin Shough, February 12th 2004).

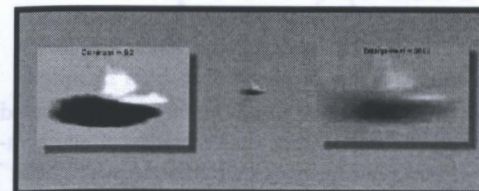
The Bug Hypotheses

Amy Herbert

While studying the image in Paint Shop Pro 8.10, I accidentally bumped the contrast too high, which revealed an image of what appeared to be a flying insect. I then created a generic 3D flying insect model with Bryce 5.

I altered the model to resemble the object in the photograph then placed the model at the approximate angle and orientation of the object in the photograph. The similarities between the Whittlesea UFO and the Bryce flying insect model became clearly visible.

Whittlesea/Beveridge UFO Photograph



High Contrast Comparison

Side-by-side comparison of the Whittlesea UFO enlarged 500 times and a flying insect model created with Bryce 5 and special effects using Paint Shop Pro 8.10.

This is only one example of what the object may be in the Whittlesea photograph. Images of flying objects not seen by witnesses at the

moment a photograph is taken and discovered only when reviewing the resulting images can be anything from UFOs to birds, bugs, debris, lens flare, conventional aircraft or a whole list of photographic anomalies and other possibilities. Until conclusive evidence is forthcoming, images of this nature should be considered 'unidentified' and neither promoted as UFOs nor hastily dismissed as IFOs.

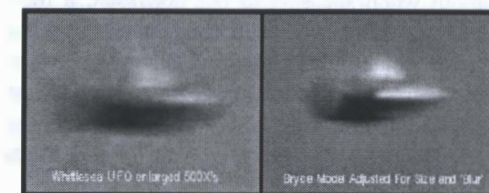


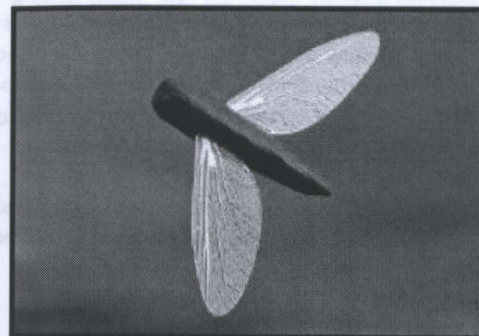
Image and Model Comparison

Conclusion

The sample of analysis shown above and the conclusions that the authors have presented are consistent in that they agreed that there is insufficient information available to draw a solid conclusion about the exact origin of the flying object's image in the Whittlesea/Beveridge photograph.

It is interesting to observe how one author puts forward the proposition that, given the choice between a bird and a bug, on the basis of the frequency of wing beats, it was most improbable that the object was a bug, and that it was much more likely to have been a bird.

Another author indicates that the flying object might be an insect. The comparison is made between a quite nice 3D digital model of a generic insect, and the original photograph of the mystery object. In the light of the previous author's presentation, the insect model would need to be a model of a gliding insect.



Model of 3D Flying Insect



Model Orientation Like UFO

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Between St Leonards - Drysdale, Vic. 26th January 2004, 10:10 p.m.

The observer reports that she was driving her sleeping boyfriend down a hill onto a roundabout when she saw to her northeast, a light array of four rows, each consisting of ten big red circular lights, hovering silently between sixty to seventy feet above the ground, just above the tree-tops. She woke her sleeping boyfriend and he saw the array of red lights for about five seconds.

They drove toward the red lights, but the nearby trees obscured their vision of the lights, so they headed toward their home. A few seconds later, they encountered an intense flash of white light, which surprised them and made them feel very nervous. Never before, during their ten years of driving up and down this road, had they encountered such a brilliant flash of white light.

Both the observer and her boyfriend considered possible sources of red lights, which might possibly fit what they had previously seen, including truck tail-lights, and tractor tail-lights, but none matched the clarity of the array of red lights, or the number of lights involved.

St Kilda East, Vic. 20th January 2004, Evening

On Tuesday night (20/01/04) I was sitting on the sofa watching television when I heard a lady call radio station 3AW, citing that she saw a brilliant white object to the western side

of the sky, which got brighter and then faded until it disappeared, then started yet again increasing in brightness. My friend and I "shot" out of the front door into the street and fixed our eyes on the western part of the sky.

There it was before our eyes! It looked like a bright star low on the horizon, and I believe it was stationary. It was mildly flickering, more dramatic than the twinkling of stars. It faded until invisible then increased in brightness yet again. The cycle continued.

It wasn't quite a perfect sphere. It looked elongated (up-down) and it appeared to possess a minute tail. We were amazed by the sight, but after staring at the magnificent object for some time, we made our way back into the house.

Three hours later we went outside again and looked into the sky - it was nowhere to be seen.

Currajong, Vic. 14th January 2004, 09:17 p.m.

While driving near the top of Powers Hill, in the Currajong region, on a fine, dry, windless night, the observer was surprised to see what looked like a grey metallic ball, with a single horizontal row of glowing lights around its maximum circumference, tucked away within a small pine plantation.

As he slowed to get a better look at the mysterious grey ball, which was about ten metres away, and must have been about four metres

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in diameter, he was startled and shocked when it suddenly shot straight up into the air, and continued until it could no longer be seen. It was estimated that the elapsed time between first sighting the ball, and it finally passing out of sight, was about three seconds.

Surfers Paradise, Qld. 19th - 20th December 2003, Midnight

The observer reports that on the evening of 19th December 2003, at about midnight, he and two others watched the activities of 6 or 7 star-like lights for about 6 minutes. The lights were first observed in the northern sky, and were last seen in the southeastern sky. It was a clear night, and the lights attained an elevation of about 60 degrees.

The observer reports, "On the night of Friday 19th at midnight, 6 or 7 stars in the sky started moving around, not unlike the scene in Close Encounters. Two of the stars touched each other and moved away from each other, then all of them moved slowly but steadily over Surfers Paradise, and one by one disappeared (blinked out).

"I caught some of them on my Sony DV camera. It was an amazing experience and shook me up pretty badly. I had two friends with me that witnessed the same event and they couldn't explain the phenomena. Have you heard of any other reports from the Gold Coast mid-night 19th December, 2003?"

The Basin, Vic. 10th December 2003, 11:10 p.m. - 08:10 p.m.

In all those years, since 1974, this is probably the only sighting that I couldn't explain for myself. Most nights if it's clear, I usually go

outside and have a look around the sky before going to bed. Normally I'm guaranteed to see a satellite or two pass over, maybe even a shooting star, or just a look at the stars, where we live in 'The Basin' we are part way into the foothills of the Dandenong's so there isn't too much light from the suburbs.

It was the 10th December 2003 at approximately 11:10 p.m., and I had been standing outside the front of our house for about 5 minutes (it was a full moon on the 9th December). I had turned around to face in a southeasterly direction and the moon was on my left at approx 45 degrees up (I hope I've got my compass points right!), anyway the moon was 90 degrees to the left of my viewing direction.

I had just previously been facing in the opposite direction and watched a satellite pass over. I was just about to go inside when I noticed what I thought was another satellite passing from the southwest to the northeast, at about 45 degrees above the horizon. What grabbed my attention was the two extra lights in front of the first one I had noticed, and the reason I thought that the first light I saw was a satellite was due to its brightness.

It was no brighter than a star, about the same size, and looked to be at a very high altitude, like when you see a satellite passing over. It was only on closer observation that I noticed the other two lights moving in front of this one. The two lights in front were a little dimmer than the back one, but the three of them appeared to be travelling together.

I actually looked away, then looked back again because I thought I was seeing things, but the three lights were still there, when I first spotted them, they seemed to be travelling at a

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reasonable speed, but then looked as if they slowed down.

The two lights in front were some distance from the light at the back and at one stage it almost looked like the light at the rear was accelerating on the two at the front, then backing off. It was hard to tell because they seemed to be at such a high altitude. I lost sight of them as they disappeared into the distance.

It definitely wasn't an aeroplane as the altitude was too high, there was no noise, and I have never seen satellites travelling in groups of three.

Moonee Ponds, Vic.

06th December 2003, 10:15 p.m.

My wife and I were returning from a late supermarket shopping expedition on the indicated evening. We were eastbound on Vine St, driving in the car when our attention was attracted by a rapidly moving object ahead of us that seemed to be only a few hundred feet above the ground.

The ovoid object was silent, and bright emerald green in colour, apart from the rear part, which was yellow in colour. We thought it might be a meteorite, but it had no 'tail'. We watched it for about 1-2 seconds as it tracked NE then suddenly disappeared. We thought that point might have coincided with its pathway over the Tullamarine freeway. There was no audible sound, but our car engine was running and the vehicle has good soundproofing.

My wife thought it was heading down toward the ground at a 30 degree angle, but I interpreted the angle as being due to the NE trajectory.

Balaclava, Vic.

04th December 2003, 09:25 p.m.

On a fine, dry, night, with a mild breeze, the observer saw what looked like a large pulsating star, which continuously changed colour from red to blue then green and yellow. It was estimated to have an elevation of about 45 degrees, and was located due east, many kilometres away.

The observer drew the attention of his household to this interesting sight, and then proceeded to get his next-door neighbour out of bed to see it also. He writes, "My neighbour, Gary travels the world as a Commercial Photographer. I was hoping Gary would have a good camera, but he said no. I got him up in his PJs, but he still wanted to view it.

"He wanted to phone someone but we did not know who to call. I have binoculars but not that strong, so I don't think it would have made much of a difference. We are sure this was not a star. I gave up after 30 minutes of viewing. Have not seen it again in the sky."

Glen Iris, Vic.

29th November 2003, 10:40 p.m.

The observer reports seeing an apparently solid, very bright orange teardrop, with a slight white halo, ascend silently into the fine, warm night sky, from behind trees, to the east. Some flickering of the tip of the teardrop was observed.

It appeared to be a little smaller than a one cent coin at arms length, and to be moving at a relatively constant speed, slower than a helicopter, as it rose in a wide arc across the

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southern sky, and disappeared behind a roof, to the southwest.

During the 40 second sighting, the teardrop attained an elevation of about 45 degrees. The observer, who was familiar with light aircraft and helicopter activity in the region, attempted to identify this strange phenomenon, without success.

The Basin, Vic.

27th August 2003, 08:00 p.m. - 08:10 p.m.

It was a cold night, with light cloud, and no wind, when eleven orange/red glowing lights, each about the size of a five cent coin at arm's length, appeared in the northwestern sky at an elevation of about 30 degrees. The lights were visible below the light cloud cover and stars could be seen between the clouds.

These lights moved fairly quickly across the sky, toward the southeast, while maintaining constant separation between the lights in the line. As they proceeded into the southeastern sky, the observer and three others watched the light's progress until they were no longer visible.

About five minutes later, two more of these lights appeared in the northwestern sky, moving faster than the original eleven, but travelling in a similar direction. They too travelled into the southeastern sky until they were no longer visible.

Montrose, Vic.

22nd May 2003, 11:25 p.m. - 11:40 p.m.

My wife Loraine and I sometimes watch TV in our downstairs rumpus room. After doing so on the above date, Loraine went up the steps

first, leaving me to lock up, turn out the lights etc. We have an outside stairway to the upstairs decking. As I came out, Loraine was on the upstairs landing, she called to me to come and see the light and pointed up to the sky.

We both watched the amber light (about the colour and brightness of a "caution" traffic light) approaching from the east. After a few minutes I went for my binoculars, only 8X21 (more like opera glasses) however through the binoculars I could see a very distinct oval amber light with a very sharp outline but with no features of any sort.

The light continued steadily on until directly overhead. We thought the light would soon be out of sight, behind the roof of the house but then realised that we would not have to move our position. The light was now moving north. It had changed course by 90 degrees. On it's new course it moved behind a gum tree we have in the front of our house but could still be clearly seen through the rather sparse foliage.

As the light moved behind the gum tree, still in clear view, we noted that it was slowing down and becoming dimmer. It then seemed to stop any forward movement, became dimmer quite rapidly until we could no longer see it.

The reason I have not reported our experience sooner, (I had told only a few close friends and family) was because of the ridicule and disbelief received from so many people. This was proven by the attitude of the people at the Probus meeting.

The reason I am sending this information to you is that I am intensely interested to find out from you if there have been any other reports

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at any time in the past of a similar sighting, particularly where the light changed course as the one we watched did.

I am thinking a lot about this lately and the more I think the more puzzled I become. I was an airman during part of WW2, and a pilot in the RAAF at the end of the war. I can guarantee that the light Loraine and I watched had nothing to do with a conventional aircraft as there was no sound and no navigation lights and viewed through the binoculars I can not

say what it was but I can certainly say what it was not.

It would have to be a natural phenomenon. However the sharp 90 degree turn is impossible for me to explain. Is it possible that the object was of an enormous size and so far away that the sun was shining on it, even though it was 11:25 to 11:40 p.m.? I also did think at the time when the light was getting dimmer that it could have been moving rapidly away.

Full Whittlesea/Beveridge UFO Photograph



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Toowoomba

13th September 2003, 07:25 p.m.

I was out looking at Mars with my telescope at 07:25 p.m. in Toowoomba, Queensland, on Saturday the 13th of September, with my neighbours. I was looking straight up at the Milky Way (without the telescope), when I saw what looked like a normal star. It was moving south with great speed. When I say great speed, it probably took a minute to get too far away to see it. It was a long way off, it didn't get any closer or change colours or leave a trail or anything.

Wivenhoe

30th September 2003, 08:15 p.m.

On Saturday, 30th August 2003, at approximately 08:15 p.m., my partner and I were walking from our campsite at the Wivenhoe Dam, hoping to spot wildlife with our torch. As we had not seen any animals and as it was a clear, calm, pleasant evening with a cloudless sky and no moon, we decided to look at the brilliant starry night to see if we could spot a satellite.

Suddenly two brilliant yellowish/amber lights, set apart, one above the other, appeared travelling at great speed towards us from a southerly to northerly direction. The direction we were looking was away from the lake. We were dumbfounded and transfixed, expecting the 'objects' to fly over us at any moment.

It was difficult to establish their elevation but they were between the horizon and not above

a tall tree some hundreds of meters in front of us. There was absolute silence. Suddenly one of the lights disappeared while the other light kept coming towards us. Just as suddenly the first light came on again. Both the lights kept coming towards us when the second light disappeared, as did the first. The second light then reappeared and both kept coming towards us. There was no sound at all.

Just as we thought the 'objects' were going to pass overhead they disappeared. As we were discussing what we saw and looking in the general direction of the sighting, in the horizon to the southwest, the sky was faintly lit by what appeared to be sheet lighting, then there appeared another single light the same as before, travelling in a northerly direction.

It then disappeared and in the same direction but high in the sky, a white light with a tail of small white lights appeared, and at great speed, disappeared up into the night sky at about a 01:30 position. All this happened within about 5 minutes and there was no sound at any time.

We have no way of explaining what we saw, but we can confidently say it was not an aircraft, car or any other known object. We are a responsible senior couple and had not been drinking or suffering any. We now have a better respect for reports of UFOs.

Chapel Hill

16th October 2003

A couple in a car were proceeding south along the Western Freeway and saw three red lights

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in formation, through their front windscreen, at an elevation of about 45 degrees. The lights seemed to just "sit there" for two seconds and then shot off to the right (West), disappearing in a second, while maintaining their formation.

Mt Gravatt, Brisbane **30th October 2003, 10:30 p.m.**

A woman was sitting outside on her veranda when she observed what she first thought was a plane emerging from a cloud. She then realised it was a clear night and there were no clouds as she could clearly see the stars all round her, so she had a closer look.

She observed what appeared to be 4 windows dimly illuminated from the inside and seemed to be within a framework of an oval-shaped object on it's side, which was flattened at the ends. It was a typical saucer shape that was only determined by her due to the shape of the disturbance around the object, and not by any distinct outline.

She described it as "like a torpedo going through water" and the disturbance it creates in the water was how she described the disturbance of the air currents around the object. It was travelling south in what appeared to be a long arc as she observed it for 25 to 30 seconds. It was moving horizontally and very smoothly, which she kept emphasising. It was eventually lost to sight behind the neighbour's house.

She described it as the length of a pen at arm's length at approximately 75 to 80 degrees elevation, and thought she heard a low whirring noise above the traffic, which faded as the object moved away. It was hard for her to judge how far it was from her location.

Jimboomba **November 2003**

I was taking a break on my deck when I heard an aircraft that had a different pitch to what I normally hear. Upon looking up and spotting it, I could see it was either a 737 or a 767 (too high to tell) heading due south. I heard the last of the sound without being able to spot the aircraft as it had gone past the point of the roof, which allowed visual contact.

Upon looking up again (in case this echo was in fact another aircraft) I saw a bright white object, smaller than a plane, approximately the size of a satellite on a "no moon" night, flying at a rapid rate of knots. Normally I would have assumed that this object was in fact a satellite, however, the appearance being the same as the object seen just over a week ago has led me to report this. It was too bright for too long to be a reflection from a satellite.

Armadale, Perth **November 2003**

Direction: east of the Darling Ranges, broad daylight, object rising into the sky. It appeared to look like a large body of water. Another massive object then became visible, high up and moving in a southerly direction. I could just see the shape of it beyond the blue sky. The fingerprint of this object is visible enough to guess it to be a massive mother ship outside the atmosphere, that could still be seen.

Another large ball-shaped object re-entered the atmosphere from the south. The re-entry caused a large fiery flash through the sky, seconds after I saw the metal ball move within our atmosphere across the sky heading east silently.

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Meridiani Planum: "Drenched"

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Long ago, parts of Mars were soaked in liquid water, say scientists.

March 2, 2004: Some rocks at Opportunity's landing site in Meridiani Planum on Mars were once soaked in liquid water. Members of the Mars Exploration Rovers' international science team presented the evidence today to news reporters at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC.

"Liquid water once flowed through these rocks. It changed their texture, and it changed their chemistry," said Cornell University's Steve Squyres, the principal investigator for

the science instruments on Opportunity and its twin, Spirit. "We've been able to read the tell-tale clues the water left behind, giving us confidence in that conclusion."

There is still much to learn: When was the area wet? And how long did the wet conditions last? How was the water collected e.g., in a salty lake or sea? How deep was the water? Scientists and engineers plan to keep Opportunity busy in the days ahead looking for more clues that might answer some of these questions.



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SOCIETY HISTORY

1957

At this point, perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. About the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" was formed and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered - this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

It was during this time the Society published various papers and is probably best known for its publication "Australian Flying Saucer Review", curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the "The Australian U.F.O. Bulletin". At one stage, V.U.F.O.R.S. sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station, under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage, has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

V.U.F.O.R.S. still holds quarterly meetings commencing in March, at the Royal Society building in Melbourne, and membership of our Society is open to all who are genuinely interested in the UFO subject. (See opposite page for details).

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